

ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS FIRE

BLAZE DESTROYS THE BARN OF W. O. HALL YESTERDAY.

FIRE SWEEPED ON BY HIGH WIND

Mr. Hall's Valuable Horses Were in Pasture and Thus Escaped Blaze. Mrs. Hall Saves Table—Small Amount of Property Destroyed.

(From Friday's Daily.) The barn of W. O. Hall, who lives in the Cotton property on Philip avenue, between Third and Fourth streets, was burned to the ground yesterday before the fire department could arrive on the scene. The fire was one of mysterious origin, starting in the northwest corner and the flames, driven by the fierce northwest wind, quickly converted the property into a wrecked shell.

One of Mr. Hall's racing carts was consumed in the blaze, but fortunately his speedy steppers were out in pasture and the loss of animal life was confined to three young kittens. The mother cat made efforts to reach her young but was restrained by Mrs. Hall, who held her in her lap until the danger was passed.

The barn was comparatively new and will be an entire loss. Mr. Hall carried no insurance on the property contained in the barn.

FRIDAY FACTS.

Court Reporter W. H. Powers of Neligh was an early morning arrival. Adam Pilger of Stanton was in town over night visiting his brother, A. P. Pilger.

Geo. Davis came over from Madison to attend the dancing party last night.

H. W. Abts, wholesale grocer of Columbus, sojourned in Norfolk last night.

Mrs. Philip Potter of Omaha is a guest at the home of Rev. J. C. S. Wells.

Thos. O'Shea and son of Madison were attracted to the metropolis last evening.

Mrs. Mary Davenport returned last evening from Madison, where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Pilger.

Mrs. Chas. Rice left today for an extended visit with relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Lutz are arranging to go to Tilden to live, where Mr. Lutz will conduct a meat market.

Bruno Hansen and wife returned today from their wedding trip and will go to housekeeping at once at 1204 Koenigstein avenue.

Mrs. Philip Puestler and three of their children left yesterday for a visit of a couple of weeks in Hamilton and Merrick counties, this state.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Harter expect to leave a week from Saturday for Chicago, where Mr. Harter will again take up his work as telegraph operator.

J. B. Davis, formerly of Pierce, but lately of Creston, Iowa, is in the city this morning on his way to Bonesteel where he expects to locate on the Rosebud.

F. C. Holbert, banker at Plainview, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Holbert has recently returned from a trip to New York state and is glad to get back to Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Parish have rented the Klesau cottage on South Eighth street, which they will occupy as soon as it is vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Lutz.

A business meeting of the West Side whist club will be held at the home of N. A. Rainbolt tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

Train No. 6, on the C. & N. W., which arrived from Deadwood five hours late yesterday afternoon, was covered with snow even at Norfolk. Seven feet deep is reported at Deadwood.

At the meeting of the Alumni association last evening it was decided to give a banquet on Saturday evening, June 3. Committees were appointed to look after the necessary arrangements for a good time.

A May dancing party was given last evening at Marquardt's hall, six popular young men of the city being responsible for the good time. The attendance was good and the music fine, and the refreshments served at Rock Bros' cafe added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Police Judge Westervelt is awaiting the first person to require the administration of justice at his hands, but says that he will not be disappointed if the entire year passes without a single case. He would willingly sacrifice the fees, he says, for the good record it would make for the city. The way the cases are coming in he thinks that he should be able to care for the office in about five hours a day and has announced as his office hours from 9 to 12 in the forenoon and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. He expects, however, to be available should his services be required at other hours of the day.

At the meeting of the Woman's club held early in the week officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. John R. Hays, president; Mrs. H. E. Warwick, vice president; Mrs. H. L. Snyder, auditor; Mrs. C. B. Durland, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. C. H. Brake was elected delegate and Mrs. H. E. Owen, retiring president, goes by virtue of her position, to the district convention of Woman's clubs.

The nearest government document

with which The News has been favored for some time is one of the 15,000 copies of the memorial addresses delivered for Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield and William McKinley before the two houses of congress by George Bancroft, James G. Blaine and John Hay. The date of the first address was February 12, 1866; the date of the second was February 27, 1882; and that of the last was February 27, 1902. They are notable speeches of great eloquence on the lives and characters of the three martyred presidents, and The News is grateful to Senator Millard for thus remembering it. Wide margins, clear print on heavy paper and the likenesses of the three murdered presidents make it a document of value and beauty.

F. W. Harder yesterday received plans from Omaha for the new building which will be put up by the Krug Brewing company on Main street on the lot occupied by the building recently burned. The plans provide for a one story brick, 50 by 90 feet, double front, to be occupied by a saloon and restaurant. The building is to be modern in all respects, will have a pressed brick front and will be an ornament to that part of the street, and yet it would seem that the choice lot upon which it is to be erected would justify a two story building. Mr. Harder is now receiving bids for construction and it is hoped that work may begin within a short time. The wooden building which is now occupying the lot will be removed and while the new one is going up he will suspend the saloon business. He expects to be ready to open up again in three months.

Master F. Girard of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen announces that the public is cordially invited to participate in the picnic to be given at the Neligh park by Climax lodge No. 254 on Saturday, May 27. While it is under the auspices of the trainmen and for their families they desire that their friends shall participate in the event. A special train will leave Norfolk at 8:30 in the morning and return from Neligh at 10 o'clock that night for the accommodation of those who will attend from this city and vicinity. The round trip, including admission to the park has been fixed at \$1 and for children under twelve years of age the cost will be fifty cents. With the events planned for the day by the people of Neligh it is calculated that this will afford opportunities for a day's outing in the early spring time that will attract many people and that the accommodations will be taxed to accommodate the crowd.

The inheritance of this section of country last night from the Black Hills blizzard was a heavy white frost that stood out prominently on walks and buildings and vegetation at a late hour this morning, and the freeze was hard enough to form a scum of ice on standing water. How much damage was done to garden crops is not known. Perhaps it was not large. People had been warned by the weather forecast and protected the tenderest vegetation by covering. During the past few days numbers of tomato and cabbage plants had been set out and unless they were protected they have undoubtedly been put in condition to require replanting. Vegetables coming from the seed are not likely to suffer to any large extent, as most of the more tender varieties are not yet above ground. Many strawberry plants are in blossom and these will undoubtedly be affected by the freeze. Though the sun shone brightly today, the wind continued from the west northwest and there is prospect that another frost will be developed for tonight.

TORNADO AT ALBION

Looked Bad But Did Not Do Serious Damage.

Albion, Neb., May 5.—Special to The News: Boone county was visited by a small tornado, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. A cloud came up from the southwest which looked somewhat threatening, but little attention was given to it, as the day had not been exceptionally warm and no one seemed to think of the possibility of a storm of that nature. But it came suddenly and lasted only a minute. Damage is reported from Cedar Rapids, a little town southwest of here, and a few outbuildings were destroyed in the neighboring country. The most damage that was done in Albion was the large plate glass front of Becker & Co's store. The awning was broken and blew against the windows, breaking them in. About \$250 is estimated as the loss in this case. This vicinity has not been visited by a storm of this nature in years past and when the dust and clouds caused the sun to disappear many were frightened, as the condition of the elements appeared much more destructive than they were in fact.

OLD MAN ARRESTED.

Serious Charge Against John Ives of North Bend.

Fremont, Neb., May 5.—Special to The News: John Ives, aged 65 years, was arrested at North Bend this morning, charged with being the father of an unborn child of Viola Buek, aged 15, of Clats, near Central City. The sheriff of Merrick county took the man in charge.

Croup.

An attack of croup can be ward off by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy promptly at the first indication of the approach of the disease. For sale by Leonard the druggist.

NORTHWESTERN HISTORY

STORY OF GREAT RAILWAY SYSTEM'S GROWTH.

BUILDING OF LINE TO NORFOLK

First Trains Were Run Out of Chicago on Strap Iron Rails—The Bonesteel and Oakdale Branches—Pioneer in Illinois Railroad History.

(From Friday's Daily.) In a pamphlet entitled "Yesterday and Today," the story of the Northwestern railroad is told. The story has been issued by the road itself and is taken from official reports and records of the company, dating back to the beginning of the life of the "parent germ," the Galena & Chicago Union railroad in 1836. In 1835 there was not one mile of railroad in the state of Illinois. The story of the road is brought through the building of the first few miles out of Chicago, extensions with "strap iron" rails, and the development of an eight thousand mile system of building, absorption and acquisition. In the book is given the story of the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley, a Nebraska corporation, which passed out of existence two years ago, after its property had long been owned by the Northwestern. The story of the Elkhorn is given as follows:

"This company was organized at Fremont, Neb., in January, 1869, to construct a line up the Elkhorn valley, in Nebraska, and obtained a land grant from the state of Nebraska amounting to about 45,000 acres. In 1869 John L. Blair and his associates in the Sioux City & Pacific and the Cedar Rapids & Missouri River enterprises obtained control of the company, and undertook the construction of the railroad. The first ten miles of track north from Fremont were laid late in the season of 1869. In 1870 the road was finished to West Point, and leased to the Sioux City & Pacific company, which company from that time on continued to operate under this lease the several extensions of the Elkhorn road up to August, 1884. In 1871 the road was extended to Wisner, a distance of fifty-one miles from Fremont, where the terminus remained until 1879, when the main line was built to Oakdale, and six miles of track laid on the Creighton branch north of Norfolk. In 1880 the main line was extended from Oakdale to Neligh, and the Creighton branch finished to Plainview. In 1881 the main line was extended to Long Pine, and the Creighton branch finished to Creighton. In 1882 the main line was extended to Thatcher, and in 1883 to Valentine. In August, 1884, at the time of the purchase of the Iowa roads by the Chicago & Northwestern, this last-named company acquired all the stock in the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, and thereafter the work of extension was pushed vigorously. In the fall of 1884 about eighty miles of the line were graded beyond Valentine and tracklaying began thereon in April, 1885. The track reached Chadron in July, and Buffalo Gap in November of that year. The Black Hills line was finished to Rapid City early in July, 1886, from Rapid City to Whitehead in October, 1887, and from Whitehead to Belle Fourche in 1890. The branch from Whitehead into Deadwood was built in 1890. The narrow gauge extension from Deadwood to Bald mountain and Ruby Basin mines was opened for traffic in 1891. The Hot Springs branch was built from Buffalo Gap to Hot Springs in 1890.

"Construction was begun on the extension into Wyoming in the summer of 1885. Tracklaying was begun at Dakota Junction in April, 1886, and completed to Douglas in August of that year. In 1887 a bridge was built across the Platte river west of Douglas, and the track extended to Glen Rock, and from Glen Rock to Casper in May and June, 1888.

"In 1885 the Chicago & Northwestern decided to enter the South Platte country. The line from Fremont to Lincoln was located in the winter of 1885 and grading began on it early in 1886. The bridge across the Platte river was finished in August, and the track completed to Lincoln in October, 1886. In 1887 the Hastings line was constructed from Platte River Junction to Hastings, and the Superior line from Lincoln to Geneva. In 1888 this last-named line was finished from Geneva to Superior. The Scribner branch was built from Scribner to Lindsay in 1886, and from Lindsay to Oakdale in 1887. In 1887 the Elkhorn system was connected with Omaha and the South Omaha stockyards by a line built from Arlington station, east of Fremont on the Sioux City & Pacific road. The Creighton branch was extended from Creighton to Verdigris in 1888."

NEW MEADOW GROVE BANK

Will Open for Business a Week From Monday.

Meadow Grove, Neb., May 6.—From a staff correspondent: The vault for the new bank is about ready to do business and according to an officer of the institution, the bank will be ready to do business a week from Monday.

Judge Barnes as Dairyman.

Judge Barnes of this city, in his trips to Lincoln, has evidently become inspired with the dairy fever,

and though he may not boast of a herd of \$500 heifers, as are shown on Mr. Bryan's Fairview farm, he at least has a cow with a title to a record. The animal daily contributes to the supreme Judge's family twenty quarts of milk of quality, and the Judge concludes that he has in the one cow a small dairy. His honor was seen this morning carrying home a handsome butter mold, and he may now be rightly classed among such farmers as Bryan, Mickey and others of equal prominence.

WATCH THIEF RETURNS.

Has Served a Thirty Day Sentence in the County Jail.

Mike Gordon, who picked the pocket of Lee Herzhiser, taking his watch, and was sentenced to the county jail for a term of thirty days in Justice Hayes court on April 7, has served his time and is again back in the city, having been released yesterday. Before being sent to Madison Gordon was sweated and dug up the stolen time piece in a corn crib near the union depot.

BEGIN EXTENSION WORK

TRAINS OF RAILROAD TIES PASS THROUGH NORFOLK.

HEADED FOR CASPER, WYOMING

An Important Feature in the Growing Importance of Norfolk and the Northwest is the Extension of the Northwestern West From Casper.

Material for the new extension on the Northwestern railroad west from Casper, Wyo., is beginning to move westward, several carloads of ties and other materials having passed through Norfolk enroute to Wyoming last week. It is said that many more trainloads of the materials will follow to Casper this week and active building will begin at once.

The extension from Casper west will aid Norfolk and the entire northwest, especially the line between here and Casper. It will probably mean the installation of larger shops at this point, with more train crews centering in Norfolk and more employees in every respect. It will materially increase the importance of Norfolk as center of the Nebraska & Wyoming division of the Northwestern.

The extension will probably mean, too, that in time Norfolk will be an important point on a trans-continental line, with big through freight trains, tea trains, fruit trains and the like passing through here. It will be an important feature in Norfolk's growth, and in the growth of the northwest.

Whooping Cough.

The quick relief afforded by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in cases of whooping cough, makes it a favorite with the mothers of small children. It liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate, keeps the cough loose and counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy has been used in many epidemics of whooping cough and always with perfect success. There is no danger whatever from the disease when it is freely given. It contains nothing injurious and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by Leonard the druggist.

OKDALE'S NEW BANKS.

Two New Buildings Give Substantial Appearance to Town.

Oakdale, Neb., May 8.—From a staff correspondent: Oakdale is looking prosperous this season, and two substantial new banking buildings are helping out a lot in the appearance of the town. The Oakdale bank has just been completed and the institution has now moved into the new quarters, which are very handsome. The building is a brick structure, made with grey pressed brick front. The floors are tiled and the vault is equipped with electrical burglar alarms. The Antelope County bank is also in a new banking building, which is very handsome and substantial. This has been in use all winter and is equipped with every modern improvement for banks.

BRIDE OF FEW MONTHS DIES.

Funeral of Mrs. Alva Weber at Creighton Largely Attended.

Creighton, Neb., May 8.—Special to The News: A very largely attended funeral took place in Creighton yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Alva Weber of this place, who died on Saturday, was buried. Mrs. Weber was a bride of but a few months, having been married here February 9 of this year. She had hundreds of friends in Creighton and the surrounding vicinity and the funeral cortege consisted of half a hundred teams.

KNOX COUNTY COURT.

Six Criminal Cases Disposed of During Term.

Center, Neb., May 6.—District court has been adjourned here, and Judge Boyd and Court Reporter Powers have gone. Six criminal cases were disposed of. The case from Verdigris in which a doctor charged a man with assault, resulted in favor of the other man, as Judge Boyd instructed a verdict. The case of the fellow from Creighton, charged with selling a mortgaged team, was continued.

Try a News want ad.

IMPROVE THE HIGHWAYS

COMMERCIAL CLUB MOVES FOR BETTER STREETS AND ROADS.

ORDERED KING ROAD MACHINE

Experimental Work to be Done on the Streets and if Successful the Method Will be Applied to Country Roads—Gutters on Main Street.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The full board and the secretary were present at the meeting of the Commercial club directors last evening, when a number of projects were enthusiastically discussed, which will unquestionably prove of benefit to the city when the wheat has been sifted from the chaff. The nine men who constitute the board of directors, together with the secretary, are all personally interested in the upbuilding of the town and the people may rest assured that whatever presents itself for the benefit of Norfolk will be located if it is possible for those ten men to land it. From the manner in which they are starting out on their work, it is apparent that they do not intend to pitch their aspirations so high that they will secure nothing, but that they will give attention to the things right at home which will be of advantage to the business interests.

A good deal of the time of the meeting last evening was the discussion of schemes to improve the condition of the roads leading into the city, a matter that is of utmost importance to the retail trade. The King method of treating clay and gumbo roads proved an interesting subject for discussion. Mr. King is a road enthusiast from Missouri, whose services were secured by the Chicago & Northwestern railroad company in Iowa, the company taking him in a private car over that state very much as the pure seed trains have been run in Nebraska, giving in each town instructions as to how to build good roads cheaply.

The Commercial club has secured the detail of this method and have ordered one of the machines required to do the work, which will soon be given an experimental trial on the streets, and when the value of the method has been demonstrated here, the club hopes to have the machine working on all the clay roads coming into Norfolk. The method is simplicity itself. The machine, which is operated by one team, is especially to be used on roads after a rain. The idea is to adapt the "puddling" scheme to the roads, packing the clay or gumbo while it is moist, which in course of a short time will pack the surface so that it will be solid and firm and not be cut up by the passage of heavy wagons.

The club also gave consideration to gutting Main street from the river to Sixth. The securing of this improvement ought to be comparatively easy, particularly as Mayor Friday in his message expressed himself to the council in favor of this improvement.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

J. J. Farrell was in town yesterday from Schuyler.

C. D. Chase of Wood Lake was in Norfolk yesterday.

Nathan D. Evans of Wayne was in Norfolk yesterday.

Thos. H. Weatherholt was over from Hoskins yesterday.

Miss M. M. Reghy was over from Newman Grove yesterday.

Mrs. C. F. Hutton visited in Norfolk yesterday from Pierce.

Leo McDonald was in the city yesterday from Meadow Grove.

John F. Marriot of Wakefield was a visitor yesterday in Norfolk.

Mrs. H. A. Rowe has gone to Creston and Columbus to visit friends.

Rev. H. H. St. Louis and family of Coleridge were in the city yesterday.

G. E. Hamlin of Humphrey transacted business in Norfolk yesterday.

G. A. Dietz and F. S. McDuffie were Norfolk visitors from Fremont yesterday.

Dr. P. H. Salter left on the noon train for Albion in response to a call for his professional services.

Ted Ackerman of Belle Fourche, S. D., formerly of Stanton, was in Norfolk yesterday meeting friends.

Ted Ackerman, cattle man of Belle Fourche, S. D., is transacting business in Norfolk today.

Geo. A. Brooks, miller, banker and merchant of Bazile Mills, was in the city today on his way home from Omaha.

W. Wynand, one of the early settlers of this county, now of Milwaukee, Wis., is in the city visiting old friends.

Mrs. H. E. Owen and Mrs. C. H. Brake went to Fremont yesterday as delegates from the Norfolk Woman's club to the district convention of Woman's clubs.

Secretary Williams of the Elkhorn Valley Life and Accident association went to Omaha this morning in response to a telegram announcing the death of his nephew.

The week old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Shurtz died yesterday and the funeral was held this morning at 9:30 from the house.

The Christian Endeavor society gave a ten cent supper followed by a musical program at the Congregational church last night that was well patronized despite the weather and thoroughly enjoyed. The society cleared \$10.50 from the entertainment.

The Shannons entertained a rather small audience at the Auditorium last

night in presenting "The Banker's Child," but merited a better house. The singing of the Miss Shannons was particularly commended by those who took in the performance.

Towns that are preparing to observe Memorial day are already looking up speakers for the occasion and W. M. Robertson of this city has been favored with two invitations to make an address. He had accepted an invitation to speak at Wisner before the other town made its request.

Tilden Citizen: As intimated by The Citizen last week, Mr. D. E. Lutz, assumed the management of the meat market on Monday. The new proprietor was for years in the employ of the Swift packing company and is perfectly familiar with every feature of the butcher business. Mr. Lutz will remove here from Norfolk as soon as a building can be secured for a residence.

False teeth are sometimes an embarrassing convenience, the full strength of which was thrown on a man with white ivory in one of the Norfolk hotel lobbies recently. He was seized with a sudden desire to sneeze and gave way to the impulse with no heed to consequences. The result was that his incisors, molars and the rest attached to the plate he wore were sneezed into a spittoon.

The two Eighth grades taught by Walker O'Connor and Miss Pearl Reese were given a half holiday yesterday afternoon as a reward for not having a tardy mark recorded against any member of the grades for the past two months. An excursion to the Norfolk hospital for the insane occupied the time and while the boys enjoyed a ball game the girls picked flowers. In the ball game the boys of the O'Connor grade defeated those of the Reese grade by a score of thirteen to eight.

County Attorney J. A. VanWagenen of Pierce was in the city yesterday looking for W. H. Fry who had been arrested in that town for violating an ordinance for the regulation of billposting and distribution, but he was unable to locate his man though assisted by local officers. Fry was released from prison at Pierce with the understanding on the part of the Pierce officers that the amount of his fine would be paid by the Norfolk firm having the work done. The Norfolk firm denies having made such an agreement and the Pierce officers now want Fry to serve the balance of his time. Editor F. L. Brande of the Pierce Call accompanied the county attorney on his mission.

Madison Star-Mail: A wind and hail storm bordering on a cyclone passed down the valley east of town Wednesday between 1 and 2 p. m. On the Zumbrunn and Jacobson farms the hail broke all the window panes on the south side not protected by screens. The wind gathered up all the loose milk cans and tubs in the yards and took them through the trees into the field. It also took a section of barrow off the cellar door and carried it several rods. It blew Tommy McCurdy off his pony over a wire fence on his way home from town. Where the trees hung over the road the ground was strewn with twigs cut off by the wind, and no doubt the fruit was more or less injured. John Zumbrunn lost a large number of little chicks. Luckily the path of the storm was not much over a mile wide.

The telephone sometimes plays strange pranks upon an unsuspecting newspaper man. Yesterday an advertisement was telephoned in offering household goods for sale, and the name given at the receiver end of the line sounded like "Harder," so without further question the initials F. W. were attached to the name, making it F. W. Harder. After the paper was printed Mr. Harder called up and wanted to know in terms quite forcible what The News meant by trying to sell his household effects. A little later Ed. Harter rang the telephone and would like to know why his advertisement was signed by someone else. The bobbie came through the fact that the telephone did not speak up clearly enough to distinguish between Harder and Harter.

Rural Route No. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Huebner went to Pierce on Friday.

August Huebner was attending to business in Norfolk.

Luella Lehmann was shopping in Norfolk Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raasch and daughter Clara were transacting business in Pierce on Monday.

August Huebner and daughter Ella were Pierce visitors on Monday.

Miss Luella Paul went to Norfolk Wednesday.

John Borchagin hauled lumber from Norfolk Tuesday.

R. Rohrke and F. Conrad made a business trip to Pierce on Monday.

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